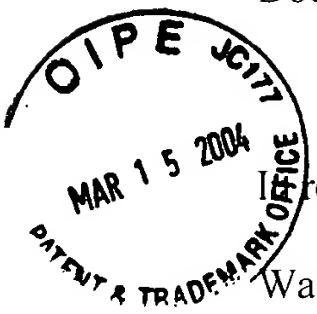


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In re Application of

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed February 13, 2004, submitted herewith a revised substitute specification including a revised Abstract together with the "marked-up" version showing the revisions.

The revised substitute specification contains no new matter.

The specification has been revised to remove all informalities raised in paragraph 3 of the Office action of February 13, 2004. Applicants have also made additional changes to improve grammar and spelling per the Examiner's request at the end of paragraph 3 of the Office action of February 13, 2004.

Therefore, it is believed that this Response is fully responsive to the Office action.

It is also believed that the revised specification is now free of informalities. However, if the Examiner holds otherwise, Applicants respectfully request that the correction be held in abeyance pending allowance of at least one of the claims.

Further examination on the merits is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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